

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-3. (Canceled)

1                   4. (Currently amended): An electronic mail system according to Claim  
2 ~~[[1]]~~9, further comprising means for executing an application in bench mark mode, and bench  
3 mark means for preventing the utilization charge from being levied for an application executed  
4 for not longer than a predetermined time by the user desirous of checking the performance of  
5 ~~[[said]]~~the application.

5-8. (Canceled)

1                   9. (New): An electronic mail system comprising:  
2                   an application service provider registration database for storing a plurality of  
3 application service providers, a plurality of applications provided by the plurality of application  
4 providers, and linkable applications working with the applications associated with one another;  
5                   an application search unit operative to receive an application search request from  
6 a user terminal via a network, and to search the application service provider registration database  
7 on the basis of the received application search request thereby obtaining a requested application;  
8                   an application execution unit operative to execute the requested application if the  
9 requested application is registered in the application service provider registration database, and  
10 to execute a linkable application if the linkable application is registered in the application service  
11 provider registration database along with the requested application.

1                   10.   (New): An electronic mall system according to Claim 9,  
2                   wherein the application service provider registration database further includes  
3   utilization charge information for each application,  
4                   wherein the electronic mall system further includes settlement means for  
5   receiving the total amount of the application utilization charge from each application user, and  
6   for settling an application providing charge with each of the application service providers,  
7                   the total amount of the application utilization charge for each user being  
8   calculated based on utilization charge information stored in the application service provider  
9   registration database and on information of a utilization start time and a utilization end time of  
10   the application as logged by the application execution unit when the application is executed,  
11                  the application providing charge being calculated based on a measure of  
12   application utilization for each of the application service providers.

1                   11.   (New): A method for executing applications of an electronic mall,  
2   comprising steps of:  
3                   receiving an application search request from a user terminal via a network;  
4                   searching an application service provider registration database on the basis on the  
5   received application search request, the application service provider registration database  
6   including a plurality of application service providers, a plurality of applications provided by the  
7   plurality of application providers, and linkable applications working with the applications  
8   associated with one another;  
9                   executing a requested application if the requested application is registered in the  
10   application service provider registration database as determined in the searching step; and  
11                  executing a linkable application if the linkable application is registered in the  
12   application service provider registration database along with the requested application.

1                   12.     (New): A computer-readable storage medium for executing applications  
2 of an electronic mall, comprising the functions of:  
3                   receiving an application search request from a user terminal via a network;  
4                   searching an application service provider registration database on the basis on the  
5 received application search request, the application service provider registration database  
6 including a plurality of application service providers, a plurality of applications provided by the  
7 plurality of application providers, and linkable applications working with the applications  
8 associated with one another;  
9                   executing a requested application if the requested application is registered in the  
10 application service provider registration database as determined in the searching step; and  
11                   executing a linkable application if the linkable application is registered in the  
12 application service provider registration database along with the requested application.